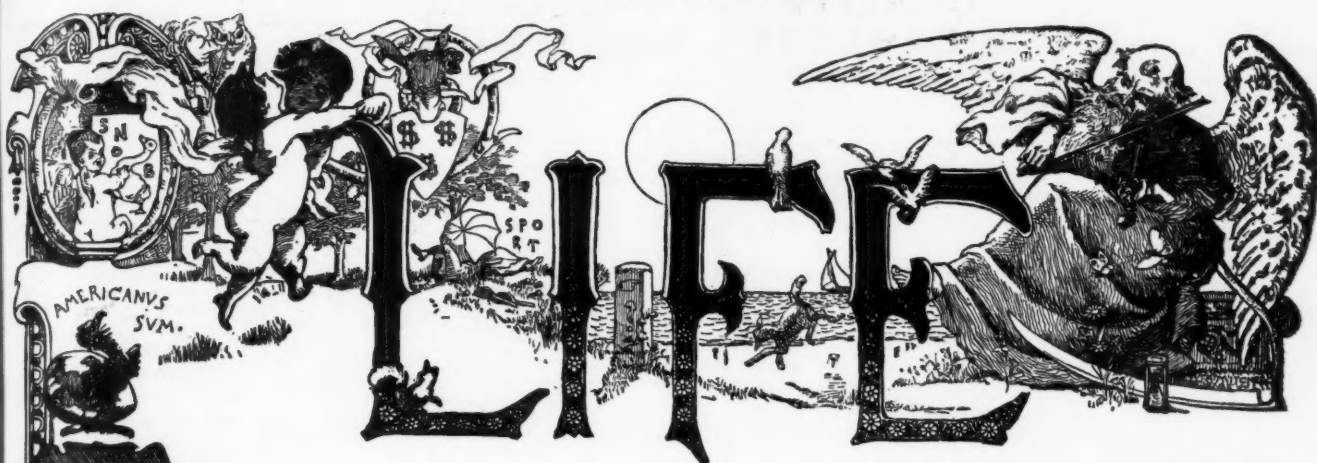


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She: YES; IT IS USUALLY SO IN LIFE.

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TOM: No; but I dine at his restaurant,
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AN INTERCEPTED TELEGRAM.

"NEWPORT, August 5, 1890.

"Please look up the standing of A. de Riche in *Bradstreet's*. He proposed last night.

AGNES."

A POMELET.

LES JOURS DU CHIEN are here
From Pesth to Ponkapaug—
To all wise men 'tis clear
We've reached the month of Aug.

"DON'T be a clam—particularly in months without an R," said Dudkins, "unless you want to get yanked out of bed and taken to Del's when you don't want to go."

THEY WERE SAFE.

"GRACIOUS!" exclaimed the Biblical editor of the *Mail and Express*, "we printed a text yesterday that wasn't from the Bible at all!"

"Well," replied the city editor scornfully, "do you suppose there's a soul in New York would detect it?"



NOT TO BE CAUGHT IN THAT WAY.

Boys: IF YER WANT US COME IN AN' TAKE US!

Policeman: IF YOU DON'T COME OUT BY THE TIME I'VE COUNTED TEN I'LL CARRY OFF YER CLOSE.

Boys (triumphantly): WE'RE SWIMMIN' WID OUR CLOSE ON!



He: I SAY, ALICE, I DON'T THINK MY FIGURE IS ENTIRELY LOST, DO YOU?

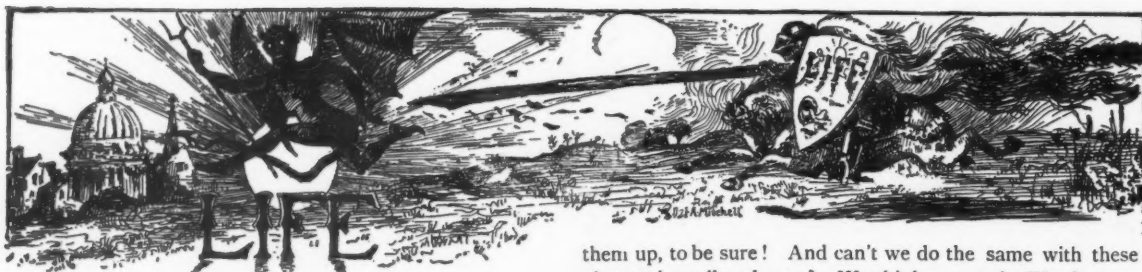
She: NO; NOT LOST, BUT GONE BEFORE.

IF the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum honestly believe that the enjoyment of works of art on the Sabbath is a sin, it may not be impertinent to ask if they conceal the works of art in their own homes from the eyes of their innocent children. Not that LIFE would care to see this done, for LIFE has no respect for that brand of superiority. They are displaying such an uncalled for amount of piety that there is a growing distrust of the sincerity of their motives. These superlatively good custodians, who are willing to see the entire American public go to the demnition bow-wows, rather than not have their own way, are in a position where consistency is impossible.

"AND what is your opinion of this administration, sir?"
"I think it is real cute."

CATCHEMALIVE-O is a fly-paper we are aware, but there are no flies on it if it is.

"I'VE time b it for a line," wrote the Arizona horse-thief to his parents. And in five minutes the line was stretched.



"While there's Life there's Hope."

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VERY unwelcome news was that conveyed ten days ago by the few lines in a Monday morning newspaper, which told of the death of John Boyle O'Reilly. In verse and in literature of all sorts, these are the days when polish abounds, and the prevailing scarcity is a dearth of raw material. There was plenty of that in O'Reilly. Whether he wrote prose or poetry, or rowed a boat, or stood up with boxing gloves on his hands against his fellow men, there was virility and manhood about him, and plenty of what might have been called "rude strength," except that it wasn't rude. The strength was there, but cultivation has disciplined without sapping it. A serious loss was O'Reilly to the world of American letters. The makings of a man were born in him, and they had been developed by experiences such as our nineteenth century existence does not often afford. He did many things well. Of them all, what is first remembered is his poetry. It was he, who writing of a poet, said:

His reward? Nor cross, nor ribbon, but all others high above:
They have won their glittering symbols—he has earned the
people's love!

IN the newspaper comments on the Central-Hudson railroad strike, it is interesting to notice how many esteemed observers contemplate the row from what is a comparatively new point of view. There is less than the usual amount of profitless speculation as to whether the road had crowded the men, or the men had made unreasonable demands of the road, and then very much more than the usual amount of inquiry as to what the public had done that it should be deprived of its usual conveniences for travel and the shipment of its freight. It is amusing to see the worm turn. The poor patient public, which has never thought of railroad strikes as being else than an unavoidable convenience, begins to regard them as impudently unjust. "What have we to do," it says, "with these squabbles between master and servant? We are the State. We charter railroads for our convenience. They are our servants, and, more than that, their servants are our servants. Suppose our soldiers mutiny, or our sworn policemen refuse to do their duty; what happens? We lock

them up, to be sure! And can't we do the same with these obstructive railroad men? We think we can! We have a legislature that can make laws, and law officers to carry them out, and jails where misdemeanants can be kept, and presently we will see whether it cannot be made undesirable to attempt to deprive us of the use of the conveniences that we have chartered, and on which we rely for the comforts of life. It is tiresome here between the mill-stones; let us get outside and take a turn at the grinding."

When Demos once gets his mind on a subject he makes rapid progress. When once he gets thoroughly tired of the railroad strike nonsense, he will pass laws at Albany which will so regulate the conditions under which men hire out to railroads, and railroads employ their men, that sudden strikes will be punishable; it may be broken up by the power of the State. It is proper enough in a free country that differences of opinion should obtain between employers and employed; but that railroad trains should stop because of such differences is absurd.

EVERYBODY has been laughing, and with good reason enough, at that injudicious assistant to Gen. Wanamaker, who threw Tolstoi's disagreeable treatise out of the mails as indecent literature. The effect has been amusing. People ask one another what they think of the Kreutzer Sonata twice as boldly as before, but the answer is the same. "A disagreeable, unprofitable book." Since the public mind has been stirred on the subject of indecent literature LIFE has observed some allusions to the other news-stand literature of the day. The truth is, that though Tolstoi's book is harmless, because it is far better calculated to allay passion than to excite it, it will usually be found keeping company with as hard a lot of paper covered works of fiction as have been put on public sale in the United States in the memory of living men. There used to be certain dime novels, peopled with red Indians, pirates, detectives and other sporting characters, and abounding in murderous assault, which got themselves a bad name, and it was justly regarded as detrimental to the best interests of youth to peruse them. They were violent, "buggy" books, but indeed they seem nice beside some of the contemporary stories of vile life in the haunts of civilization, which are publicly sold, and which get their transportation in the Wanamaker mail bags without hindrance or objection. The average nastiness of the news-stand stories is altogether too high. If we are going to have our current literature purified, let the censors tackle the news-stands forthwith. If any legal excuse could be formed for sending to jail the whole gang of erotic novelists, male and she, and setting the torch to their collected works, the air of our world would be sweeter for it, and LIFE would like to see it done.



Young Fish: WE MUST LOOK OUT FOR THOSE HOOKS.
His Uncle: NO DANGER. 'TISN'T FISH THAT ARE BEING CAUGHT TO-DAY.

WISE.

HOW happy is the thrifty man,
What peace attends his soul,
Who in the Winter lays in ice,
And in the Summer coal.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

ADAMS: Well, Jones, been getting drunk again?

JONES (*angrily*): That's *my* business.

ADAMS (*pleasantly*): So I understand.

UNION VETERAN (*after an amicable discussion of the war*): You'll admit, now, that the South was in error, won't you?

CONFEDERATE VETERAN: Yes, indeed! If the South could have foreseen all this pension business, there would have been no war.

THE Administration has been very successful in one respect. It is reported that there isn't a red ant left in the White House. Mr. Harrison has taken care of his ants in great shape.

IT is said that Ward McAllister spent a great deal of time deliberating whether to call his book "Society as I Found It," or "Society as I Founded It."

"WHAT is the baby crying for?"
"Deviltry."



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The Sand Heap.

IT is a question which is the more helpless, a baby or the man who is trying to hold it.

THE SHORE.



With mighty rhythmic motion
That ceases nevermore,
The rolling swells of ocean
Go breaking on the shore.

And sometimes I've a notion,
So high hotel bills soar,
The howling swells of ocean
Go broke upon the shore.

THE REASON WHY.

YABSLEY: I see by the paper that the New Jersey census figures go to show that only one man in a thousand reaches the age of seventy-five.

DIBSLEY (*who comes over in the ferry from Jersey City every morning*): Well, no; when a New Jersey grandpa reaches three-score and ten, his family conclude he's not worth wasting quinine on any longer.

IT HAS REACHED THE WEST.

EDITOR of *Arizona Kicker* (*looking over some copy*): I wish I had that fellow within range of my old six-shooter.

NEW REPORTER (*nervously*): What fellow?

EDITOR: The man who sprung that French book on us. Can't you write up an account of a dog-fight or a lynching party without calling it a "Pastel in Prose"?

HE THAT READS MAY RUN.

PRIMUS: What are Tom Reed and his gang after with their Election Bill?

SECUNDUS: Why, they are after a fair ballot and a free count.

A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.

MAGISTRATE: What's the charge against this man?
POLICEMAN: Purrrsonatin' an officer av th' foorce, sur.

MAGISTRATE: He is dressed in the regulation uniform and wears a shield. How do you know he is not a policeman?

POLICEMAN: Sure, he has no brogue.

"MAMMA, let me hold the baby, will you?"

"No, dear; mother is afraid you might let him fall on Fido."



AFRAID TO PRAY.

The New Minister: DO YOU MEAN TO SAY, MADAME, THAT YOU FEAR TO PRAY?

Old Lady: YES, I KNOW THE PRAYERS WILL BE ANSWERED, OF COURSE, BUT THEY'RE NOT ALWAYS ANSWERED WITH DISCRIMINATION. FOR YEARS AND YEARS MY HUSBAND HAD TO GET UP BEFORE DAYLIGHT IN ORDER TO REACH HIS WORK ON TIME; AND THE LONG, SLOW RIDES IN STREET CARS WERE INJURING HIS HEALTH. WELL, I PRAYED THAT HE MIGHT BE RELIEVED OF THIS GREAT TROUBLE AND DANGER, AND IN SIX MONTHS A GREAT, BIG, UGLY ELEVATED RAILROAD WAS RUN UP OUR STREET AND I HAVEN'T SEEN A RAY OF SUNSHINE SINCE.

MORE CHANCE FOR EXPERIMENT.

DOCTOR: He insulted me! He said he wouldn't have me attend a cat for him.

MAUD: Well, now, I think that was unkind of him. I don't see why he should fear to intrust a cat to your treatment. (*The Doctor looks surprised.*) Indeed, I don't. A cat has nine lives, you know.

NOT IN THE PROGRAMME.

SHE: Do tell me about your trip to Europe. What did you see?

He: Oh, I didn't go to see anything. I went on one of Crook's excursions.

EARTH has no greater joy than the discovery of a quarter in a cast-off vest.



PUTTING HIS WHOLE SOLE INTO HIS WORK.



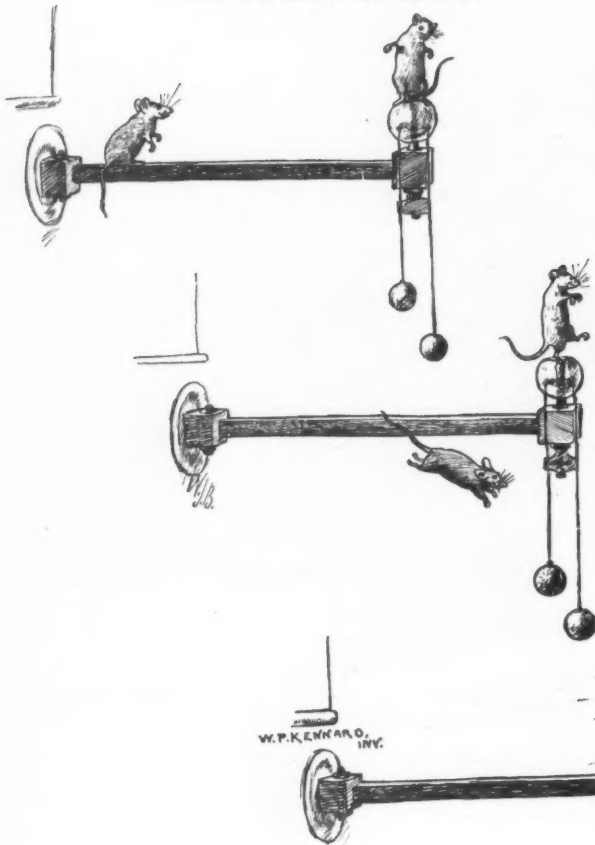


MY BILLET DOUX.

THIS morning in my mail I found
 A dainty envelope and fair,
 Addressed in writing neat and round—
 A note from some fair maid, I'd swear.
 To break the seal, I trembling sped,
 My heart almost stood still;
 I glanced, I swore, for there I read
 "Enclosed please find your bill."

L. W. H.

THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE.



A BUSY WIFE.

COBWIGGER: Boscawan is very good to his wife. He keeps two nurse girls to look after the children.

BROWN: He has to. His wife keeps three dogs.

JAY GOULD says honesty is the best policy. Jay Gould is an observing individual.



IN A CHICAGO NURSERY.

She (a visitor from Philadelphia): YOU HAVEN'T ANY ANCESTORS!
He (a native): MAYBE I AIN'T, BUT I'VE GOT FOUR FATHERS, AND THEY'RE ALL LIVING, TOO.

A DISTINCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE.

TEACHER: Can any member of the class give examples illustrating the difference between the definite article and the indefinite article?

JOHNNY (*at foot of class*): Yes'm; I kin.

TEACHER: Johnny may give the example.

JOHNNY: 'Xample of indefinite article: Grover Cleveland has *a* big head. 'Xample of definite article: Benjamin Harrison has *the* big head.

TEACHER: Correct.

"DID your husband die happily?"
 "Yes, he died, happily."

DEATH FROM DRINK.

A PROMINENT local prohibitionist died suddenly in Lewis County, Kentucky, last week, and the evidence before the Coroner's jury was that he had drank a great deal of cold water while very warm. The verdict of the jury was that "he drank himself to death."

LIFE'S PRIMER.

A JUDICIOUS use of this book will lighten the toil of the teacher, and at the same time awaken in the pupil a desire for knowledge that will be as far reaching as it is permanent.



A Jug.

A Jug-gler.



Can the boy hop?
The boy can hop.
See how he can hop.
Hop, boy, hop.



See the man.
The dog bit him.
Is the dog mad?
No, but the man is mad.



She: I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D DARE TO KISS ME!
He: THERE WAS A GOOD DEAL OF DANGER ABOUT IT, SO I—I THOUGHT WE'D BETTER FACE IT TOGETHER!

THE ASPERITIES OF DEBATE.

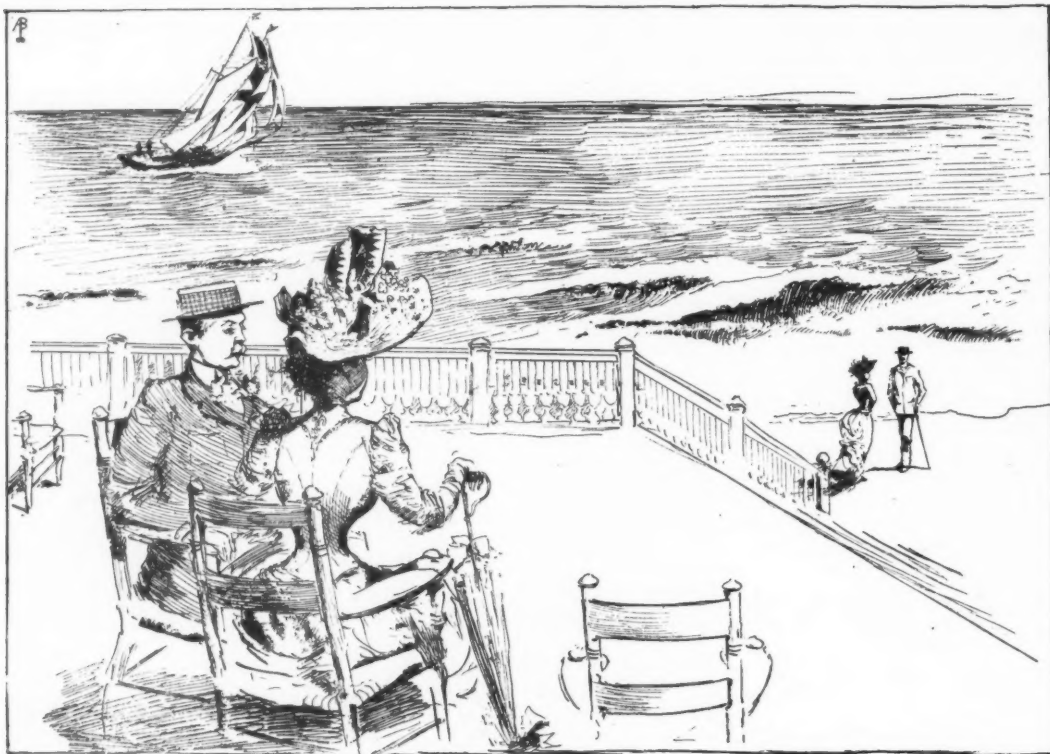
THE SPEAKER (*to the gentleman from Indiana, who has just called the gentleman from Illinois an ass*): Does the gentleman from Indiana withdraw the epithet?

THE GENTLEMAN FROM INDIANA: I withdraw the language, Mr. Speaker, but maintain that the gentleman from Illinois is not in order.

THE GENTLEMAN FROM ILLINOIS: How am I out of order?

THE GENTLEMAN FROM INDIANA: Probably a veterinary surgeon could tell you.

DOESN'T APPEAR IN GOOD HEALTH—Sickness.



She: I HEAR THAT YOUNG MR. GOLIGHTLY HAS GIVEN UP THE MINISTRY AND GONE INTO THE BROKERAGE BUSINESS.
He: YES; HE EVIDENTLY PREFERS WATERING STOCK TO FEEDING LAMBS.

LATEST FROM CAPE MAY.

"LIGE," said the President, as Mr. Halford paused a moment in his reading. "Lige, I can't make head nor tail to this business. Who is this Mary Clawsom that Blaine is making so much fuss about, and what business has she to be prowling around Behring Sea? Haven't I warned these people away?"

"Oh, *mare clausum* isn't a person," explained Lige. "It's Latin, and I'll look it up in that dictionary Wanamaker gave us to-day. Ah, here we have it—*claudio, claudere, clausi, clausum*: to close, shut, seal" —

"Seal!" shouted the President, dropping, in his excitement, his grandfather's hat. "Seal, did you say, Elijah? I might have known it. Am I never to hear the last of them pesky varmints? Darn a seal, anyhow!" And the President frowned so savagely that Baby McKee fled in terror, and Lige ceased to whistle.

A. E. Hoyt.

A GOOD REASON.

MRS. DE JEUNER: I wonder why those people opposite never open their shutters to let in the morning sun?

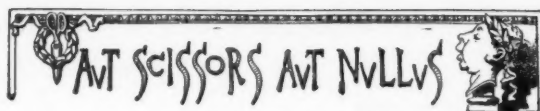
MR. DE JEUNER (*abstractedly*): I guess they take the *World*.

CUTTING RATES—Hair 25c., shave 10c.



Directory Clerk: WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Lady of House: FAITH AN' I DUNNO; LASHT WIDNISDAY IT WAS MACGINNIS, AN' NIXT T'URSDAY IT'LL BE DERMOTT, AN' PHAT IT IS *NOW* IS BETWANE BOTH OF THIM NAMES, PHWHATIVER THAT MAY BE!



SUFFICIENT TO THE DAY.

REJOICE, Oh! lover, when the days
Are hot, when flows the perspiration,
When panting in the solar rays
Men sigh for summer's termination.

Wish not the frigid winter nigh,
That tingles ears and reddens noses,
For ice-cream does not come so high
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—Boston Courier.

THREE brother officers were traveling from Umritsir to Lahore, where they had been playing polo during the afternoon. One of them, tired after the game, fell asleep on one of the seats. His railway ticket, which was sticking a little out of his pocket, was promptly annexed by one of the others and transferred to his own pocket. When nearing Lahore his brother officers awoke the sleeping youth, saying:

"Now then, old man! Get up! Here we are!"

It was still broad daylight, and for some reason or other the train was pulled up some little way outside the station.

"All tickets ready, please!" shouted the ticket collector.

Two of our friends promptly found theirs, ready for the ticket collector when he should make his appearance. The third searched this pocket, that pocket, here, everywhere, but could find no ticket.

"Good gracious! where is my ticket?" he said; "I know I had one right enough when I started; you fellows saw me get it, didn't you?" he asked.

"Yes, you had it right enough," they said; "where on earth can you have put it?"

"I don't know, blessed if I do," he replied, in desperation.

"You'll have to pay the fare," said the others, consolingly; "it's not much."

"But I haven't a cent with me," he returned; "will you fellows lend me some dubs?"

Both said they were as high and dry as he was in regard to money.

"Tickets, please!" said the collector at last quite close to the carriage.

"What the dickens shall I do?" said the ticketless one.

"Oh! get under the seat," said the others; "quick! quick, man! here he comes!"

Under the seat like a shot went the man without a ticket! When the ticket collector came to the door three tickets were handed up.

"You have given me three tickets, sir," he said; "but I see only two gentlemen; where is the third?"

"Oh! he's under the seat," they said with the greatest nonchalance, as if it were an ordinary every-day affair.

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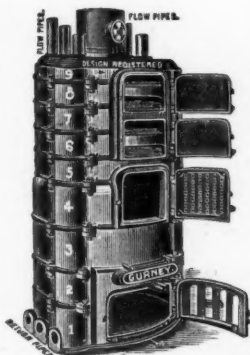
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